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CLAIM A VICTORY.

Operators Forced to Take Initiative.

AGREEMENT IS DOUBTFUL.

President Mitchell Says Price of Mining for Past Year was Satisfactory but Objects to Other Conditions—The Operators' Side of the Question Presented.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 31.—[By Associated Press]—About two hundred operators and eight hundred miners will meet in joint conference at the board of trade auditorium in this city at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The representatives are from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the question of admitting representatives from Iowa and Michigan will be determined by the conference. The miners are in favor of admitting those states to the agreement, but their admittance will be vigorously opposed by the Illinois operators. Conferences have been held by the Illinois, Indiana bituminous and the Hocking valley operators. The conferences have been devoted chiefly to discussion of the demands of the miners and the position that will be taken by the operators in the joint conference. The sentiment of the operators is practically unanimous against granting any increase in the present price of mining. They say that it will be utterly impossible for them to concede an advance in wages on account of the competition from West Virginia, which is not included in the interstate agreement.

When the scale was fixed a year ago the miners promised, it is claimed, to organize their fellow craftsmen in West Virginia. Some effort was made in this direction, but little progress has been made. West Virginia is now third among the coal producing states and the competition has been felt in all the bituminous districts. Any increase in the present price of mining would, the operators say, give their West Virginia competitors much greater advantage. The operators appear to be willing to concede the present price of mining, but they will insist as a condition of its maintenance that the miners of West Virginia be organized and that state be brought into the joint agreement.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 1.—[By Associated Press]—The first session of the joint conference of the operators and miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, called to fix the price of mining for the year beginning April 1, 1901, was called to order Thursday afternoon. The first session was brief, the meeting adjourning immediately after the appointment of the committees on rules, credentials and permanent organization. The real work of the conference began today, with the appointment of the scale committee, to which the demands of the committee formulated at the Indianapolis convention will be submitted. A permanent chairman of the conference will be Walter Mullin, of the Massillon Operators' Association. The secretary will be W. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, and assistant secretary, C. L. Scroggs, of the Illinois coal commission.

The operators and miners of Iowa and Michigan will not be admitted to the joint conferenc. This was settled by the committee on credentials after a protracted discussion. No one will venture a prediction as to whether an agreement will be reached by the joint conference. The miners are guarding their position with extraordinary secrecy and the operators are doing likewise. It is known, however, that they are wide apart and some of the operators personally express their doubts as to the outcome. The only point upon which there is absolute unanimity of sentiment among the operators is that no advance will be conceded. The miners must rely, therefore, on securing concessions in other directions, but just what these concessions are cannot be ascertained. It is apparent, however, that the miners will make a vigorous effort to secure the adoption both of the run of mine basis and a uniform differential between pick and machine mining.

A single miner delegate from West Virginia has made his appearance, and will ask for an opportunity to lay before the conference the conditions in that state, but it is not probable that he will be heard in open convention. The West Virginia situation is, however, certain to become a leading subject in the deliberations of the scale committee, the western Pennsylvania operators claiming that they cannot hold their trade at the present mining rate in competition with the lower wages paid in West Virginia, the difference being as much as fifteen to twenty-five cents per ton in the cost of mining.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—At Friday's session of the joint conference of the miners and operators, the miners, by a clever bit of strategy, forced the operators to take the initiative. E. B. Robbins, of Pennsylvania, quickly came to the rescue, however, offering a resolution that the present scale, less 10 cents on the price of mining, and a corresponding reduction in the wages of other labor, be adopted. The resolution was put to a vote, resulting in a tie, the operators voting for and the miners against it. Under the rules of the conference the motion was lost, and after a protracted debate the resolution was referred to the scale committee.

The miners claim to have won a victory in this preliminary skirmish through an admission on the part of the operators that the reference of the resolution to the scale committee did not commit the committee to its consideration. The demands of the miners as outlined by Presideat Mitchell at the conference are for a general increase of 10 per cent. in the price of mining, the adoption of a scale on the run-of-mine basis, a flat differential between prices of machine and pick mining, to be uniform throughout the competitive district, the operators to check off the dues of members of the organization, and all persons employed at the mines to be required to become members of the organization.

The prospects for an agreement are not bright, and the negotiations promise to be protracted. Both the operators and the miners are feeling their way, endeavoring to secure some advantage. There is little probability that the operators will concede the run-of-mine basis or a uniform differential for machine mining. The question of an advance in the price of mining is not seriously discussed, it being generally conceded that if an agreement is reached it will be upon a basis of the present price.

President Mitchell, in his address, said that the price as arranged last year was satisfactory to the miner, but the other conditions of the scale were most unsatisfactory. The miners stood this year on the ground that the scale for 1901 should be based absolutely on a run-of-mine agreement over the entire competitive field. Illinois now has it, and Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania must fall in.

The increase in the scale last year had made the differential between pick and machine mining more unsatisfactory than ever. He contrasted the methods between machine and pick mining and said there should be a fixed and uniform differential, not predicated upon the price of pick mining, but unchangeable and not any per cent. of the price paid pick mining. He also said the miners demanded a uniform scale for all outside men, and that all should be members of the union. The miners contracted with the operators to see that all the conditions of this contract were lived up to, and so they wanted the operators to require that all men employed at the mines be members of the miners' organization.

Mr. Bogle, who spoke for the operators, gave a history of the joint conference. He told how the miners had promised to organize West Virginia, but had not done so. He said when the advance of last year was granted conditions were phenomenal, but now they had reached the normal, and it would require good judgment on the part of both miners and operators to keep them from going below normal. The motion of operators for a ten-cent reduction had been offered in good faith. Under the run-of-mine system the miners did poor work. It had been detrimental to miner as well as operator wherever tried, and would have added more to the cost of coal the past year than had the increase of fourteen per cent.

A Denver, Col., dispatch says that J. C. Osgood, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in his testimony before the legislative committee investigating the coal strike in which a number of the company's mines are involved, caused something of a sensation by his severe arraignment of the organization and officers of the United Mine Workers. He declared that his company would sooner close every mine it owned than submit to the dictation of the union. President Mitchell, of the miners' organization, he declared to be the greatest autocrat of the present day.

AN ASSURED FACT.

Canton-Akron Electric Railway to be Built by July 1.

The Summit county commissioners have granted the promoters of the Akron-Canton electric railway to leave the exact route laid down in the franchise if they should find it necessary or expedient to do so. On his return to Akron on Thursday, after going over the entire route with representatives of the men who will furnish the capital for constructing the line, Mr. Childs said: "It is now an assured fact that we will build our electric road between Akron and Canton. An Eastern engineer went over the line Wednesday and has already made a favorable report. We expect to build on private right of way by Springfield lake. It is now our intention to have cars running between Akron and Canton by July 1."

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TRUTH AND SENSE.

Evergreens of the Board's Flowers of Rhetoric.

BANQUET AT THE CONRAD.

Massillon and Canton Business Men Gather Around the Festal Board and Listen to Excellent Addresses by H. C. Brown, Prof. E. A. Jones, the Hon. C. C. Bow, the Hon. W A. Lynch and Charles R. Miller.

"Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thank it."
—Burns.

And after the invocation by the Rev. J. I. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, the half hundred citizens of Canton and Massillon, in attendance at the banquet given by the Massillon board of trade in honor of the eleventh anniversary of its organization, at the Hotel Conrad, Thursday evening, began the discussion of what Landlord Arnold had liberally construed to be the meaning of the famous bard's "meat." This was it:

MENU.

Blue Points, Mignonette.
Consommie.
Celery. Olives.
Boiled Red Snapper, en Court Bouillon.
Pommes Persillade.
Roast Turkey, Farcie, Cranberry Sauce.
French Peas. Candied Sweet Potatoes.
Fresh Lobster, a la Newburg.
Chicken Salad Mayonnaise.
Neslerode Pudding, a la Almonde.
Assorted Cake. Frult.
Cafe Noir.
Cigars.

The Massillonians present, with a few exceptions, were all members of the board of trade. The Canton guests were the officers and directors of the board of commerce of the county seat, and included Attorney Charles R. Miller, president; County Recorder C. A. Dougherty, vice president; C. J. Slaybaugh, of the Diebold Lock and Safe Company, secretary; Herman Kaufman, of the City National Bank, treasurer; Philip J. Bernower, of the Bernower Lumber Company; Joseph Biechele, of the Biechele-Berger Company; F. E. Case, of the Howard Chair Company; A. Dannemiller, of the Dannemiller & Company; ex-Postmaster John E. Monnot, ex-Prosecuting Attorney C. C. Bow, the Hon. W. A. Lynch and Charles R. Frazer.

W. F. Ricks, president of the Massillon board of trade, was the toastmaster. H. C. Brown, in a brief address, right royally welcomed the board's guests. Mr. Brown, in his remarks, incidentally referred to the history of the board, some of the results of its efforts, with a word as to the city's present industrial condition and the possibilities of the future.

Mr. Miller responded most happily. He briefly touched upon the common interests of the two cities, spoke of the importance of boards of trade and of the possibilities of the powerful enginery of associated effort and expressed the hope that the sister cities would continue hand-in-hand on the onward march. All citizens, in any manner benefited by the growth and improvement of a city, should be identified with its board of trade. "The meanest man in the world," said he, "in my opinion, is the business man or merchant or other individual connected with commerce who will not belong to, and offer his assistance to his city's board of trade."

Mr. Bow, in his brief address, fell into original poetry, which was as mirth-provoking as it was pithy and pertinent. He spoke of the many ties which bind Massillon and Canton, which include those of blood, for, said he, if one would speak ill of a Massillonian in Canton, or vice versa, it were prudent that he first inquire into the lineage and the family connections of him to whom he would declare himself. Then, he continued, there were aesthetic ties and industrial ties and ever so many others that indeed the people of the two cities could well afford to dwell together in harmony as one great family. Mr. Bow proposed a toast—"Blessed be the ties that bind; may they never be broken"—and the party rose as he gave it.

Prof. E. A. Jones spoke of some of the principal events through which the board has lived, humorously alluding to the unusual fact of the schoolmaster being an officer of the board of trade and saying that, to his knowledge, there was not a similar instance in the state. The great stride that had been made in all branches of industry and in the general progress of the world during the century just closed, he said, had been almost too wonderful for belief, and at the threshold of the twentieth century there were signs that indicated a hundred years of even more marvelous achievements.

The motto appended to the name of Mr. Lynch was "The flowers of rhetoric are more acceptable when backed by the evergreens of truth and sense." Mr. Lynch spoke in happy vein, saying that as Mr. Bow had already provided the rhetorical flowers he would endeavor to supply the evergreens. As the head of the Massillon-Canton Electric Railway Company Mr. Lynch said he had had many opportunities of forming the acquaintance of the members of the Massillon as well as the Canton boards of trade, particularly at the times when there are under consideration plans for increasing their lists of industries, and imposing contributions that are needed for the beginning. Mr. Lynch alluded to the changes recently made in the tracks of his company, and expressed regret that the weather had not permitted the completion of the work. The Navarre extension, he said, would come with the spring.

His company, he said, feeling that the prosperity of the two cities was its own, had always responded cheerfully, and would ever continue so to do. Paraphrasing Mr. Bow, Mr. Lynch spoke a word or two about the ties that bind, and one of these connections, he remarked, was the highway which lies between the two cities. He stated that for many years a favorite dream of his had been the conversion of the highway into a boulevard, 125 feet in width, and he believed that a realization of this dream would come if the boards of trade of the two cities were to be properly active.

The donation of sufficient land to give the thoroughfare the needed width, he said, would be merely an investment on the part of the owners, as it would increase the value of their properties tenfold. He suggested that the boards appoint a joint committee to give definite scope to the work, investigate the law on the subject, and have plans prepared proceeding with the work well prepared by the time the legislature should meet, for a special enactment would probably be necessary.

The suggestion of Mr. Lynch was received with favor. Mr. Ricks, in a few words, guaranteed the co-operation of the Massillon board of trade in the furtherance of such a project. Thereupon Mr. Daugherty made a motion that the presidents of the two boards be authorized to appoint members to constitute a joint committee to give the matter attention. The motion prevailed.

The Hon. Anthony Howells was to have delivered an address, but was unable to be present, having been called to Columbus Thursday morning. All of the speakers had been requested to choose their own subjects.

The combination menu cards and programme which the committee had prepared were artistic in design, the general arrangement being neat, and quotations, among which was that which appears at the beginning af this article, appropriate. The following, taken from one of the works of O. W. Holmes, appeared under the announcement: "The axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the center of each and every town or city."

Under the words indicating the course of boiled red snapper, en court bouillon, was this, from Izaak Walton: "This dish of meat is too good for any but anglers: or very honest men."

The concluding quotation was from Metternich. "Woe to the country whose conditions and institutions no longer produce great men to manage its affairs."

The committee which arranged for the banquet was composed of Mayor Wise, Councilman J. E. Johns, Postmaster L. A. Koons, H. C Brown and F. R. Shepley.

In addition to those already mentioned, there were present: Henry Dielhenn, J. W. Foltz, John Silk, C. A. Gates, Colonel J. C. F. Putman, F. R. Shepley, F. H. Snyder, Charles T Snyder, Dr. S. Hattery, W. R. Harrison, G. F. Schworm, F. A. Brown, A. W. Inman, M. Neal, W. E. N. Hemperly, G. C. Haverstack, County Treasurer T. H. Smith, F. Willard Arnold, W. H. Allman, T. B. Arnold, L. P. Schimke, Victor Morgan, William Johns, George McCall, F. G. Harrison, Howard Harrison, Dr. H. C. Eyman, S. O. Lattimer and the Rev. F. H. Simpson.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

Its Annual Report is Filed with Governor Nash.

The annual report of the fish and game commission has been filed with Governor Nash, sub-reports from the deputy wardens in all the counties being included. The funds at the disposal of the commission aggregate $34,495.56, and of this $20,656.07 was expended. The value of the property owned by the commission is placed at $17,684.16. The report states that the imported Mongolian pheasant is thriving and multiplying satisfactorily in this climate and is proving a success as a game bird despite reports to the contrary. Cuyahoga county leads in the number of arrests for violation of the game and fish laws, Stark county being second.

Deputy Game Warden Dangeleisen reported the arrest of seventeen persons for violating the game laws and eleven for illegal fishing, all of whom were convicted, the aggregate fines amounting to $550. In concluding his report, Mr. Dangeleisen says: "The laws are much better observed now than formerly. Offenders, from experience, are beginning to post themselves on the laws. The written permit law is doing much to prevent hunting this fall. Black bass are about exterminated in our rivers, owing to the deposit of sewage from chemical works, gas works and other plants which empty their refuse in the Tuscarawas river, formerly one of the best black bass streams in Ohio. Quail are abundant; pheasants are scarce."

In the state 184 arrests were made during the year, resulting in 152 convictions, and the total fines collected amounted to $4,276.

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WASHINGTON NEWS

The President Attends Memorial Services.

MEETING OF THE CABINET

Governor Allen Sends Encouraging News from Puerto Rico—Soldiers for the Philippines a Leading Problem—Officers for Reorganized Army Being Selected.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The regular cabinet meeting was devoted almost entirely to a consideration of colonial questions. It was decided that the President and members of his cabinet should attend the memorial services to be held here in respect to the memory of the late Queen Victoria, and that on Monday next they would go to the House and attend the services of John Marshall day.

The question of an extra session was discussed incidentally, and it was the impression of all present that Congress would be unable to enact the desired legislation for the Philippines and Cuba before March, thus making an extra session inevitable.

Secretary Long, of the naay, has received an interesting letter from Governor Allen, of Puerto Rico, in which he says: "The anti-American sentiment, which was prevalent at the beginning of the civil government, has entirely disappeared, and the masses of the people were never more contented, I am sure, than at the present time. More are employed than ever before, and at better wages, and indeed there is a scarcity of labor in certain sections, and contractors complain that they are unable to secure sufficient help, although they are paying 50 cents in gold, where ten months ago they paid 30 cents in pesetas. This, you see, is a great advance for them. The crops are abnormally large and of excellent quality. Our customs receipts are constantly increasing, as well as the internal revenue collections. As to 'destitution' and 'starvation' in Puerto Rico, they do not exist, and, with the abundant crops and plenty of labor at hand, if there should be a case of starvation here, it might properly be called a case of suicide."

The impression prevails at the war department that General Miles undoubtedly will receive the lieutenant generalcy, and that Generals MacArthur, Wood, Wade and Young are most likely to be made major generals, although it is possible that General Merriam will be substituted for one of the four named. Among the officers mentioned as likely to receive commissions as brigadier generals are Bates, Wheaton, Chaffee, Schwan, Arnold, Rodgers and Wood, if the last named does not secure the higher grade. Including line and staff the President will have to appoint about 1,300 officers.

A report from Minister Loomis, at Caracus, dated February 1, indicates that the revolution is near at an end in the opinion of the Venezuelan government, owing to a decisive victory gained over the revolutionists near Carupano. A battle is reported to have occurred recently near La Cueva, in which both sides lost several hundred men. A French warship is about to proceed to Carupano to take the place of the cruiser Suchet, which had been lying there. The Venezuelan government has declined to prevent the local officials in the province of Bermudese from moving towards taking possession of the New York Burmuse concession at Pitch Lake, and the local officials have demanded the surrender of the arms and ammunition belonging to the asphalt people.

Anticipating the passage of the army reorganization bill, the war department has issued preparatory orders for the transportation of 5,200 regular troops to the Philippines to replace an equal number of volunteers under orders to San Francisco for discharge. There are now about 2,000 recruits at San Francisco awaiting transportation to Manila and the number will be increased rapidly as the recruiting officers obtain the necessary material. There are now about 40,000 regular troops in the Philippines and the problem confronting the military authorities is how to increase that number to 60,000 by the first of July, when the entire volunteer army of 35,000 must be discharged.

A distinguished assemblage, including the President of the United States and his entire cabinet attended the memorial service in honor of Queen Victoria at St John's Episcopal church today.

The President has signed the army reorganization bill, which is now a law.

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LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Gibson Narrowly Escapes Lynching After Conviction.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—John Gibson, who has been on trial on a charge of torturing his three-year-old child to death, was yesterday sentenced to imprisonment for life. The jury was out sixteen hours. When the verdict was read there came cries from all parts of the court room, "Lynch the fiend!" Deputies and police officers with drawn pistols crowded about Gibson and succeeded in forcing their way to the jail with him. Immediately after the trial Gibson's wife started hurriedly from the court room and drove rapidly out of town in the direction of her old home. All through the trial her actions have been of such a suspicious character that many believe she was Gibson's accomplice. A number of women met her this morning and threatened that she should meet as terrible a fate as the dead child if guilt is brought home to her.

RESTS AT WINDSOR.

Funeral of Queen Victoria Held Today.

CARRIAGE DRAWN BY MEN.

A Distressing Accident Narrowly Averted—The Withdrawal of Troops From China Will Give Free Rein to Thousands of Organized Robbers.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—Rain early this morning threatened much discomfort for the participants and spectators in today's solemn pageantry in honor of the late Queen, but the weather brightened later and though chilly was not uncomfortable. The whole line of the procession was crowded with spectators, looking in silence and deep sympathy as the body of the Queen passed, followed by mourning royalty. King Edward and Emperor William were on horse back. The King of Greece and King of Portugal rode immediately after the suites of King Edward ann Emperor William. The body reached Windsor at 2:30 p. m.

DRAWN BY BLUEJACKETS.

Gun Carriage Bearing Coffin Nearly Overturned.

WINDSOR, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—As the funeral procession started, the artillery horses attached to the gun carriage on which the Queen's body was borne became restive and nearly overturned it. King Edward ordered the horses taken away, and the gun carriage was drawn by a detachment of bluejackets.

TROOPS MUST REMAIN.

Thousands of Chinese Robbers Waiting for Soldiers to Go.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—A Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post says: "There is danger in withdrawing the troops unless a strong Chinese government can be assured. Thousands of disbanded Chinese soldiers are roaming about, robbing and ready to combine with any ruffians they may meet for the purpose of attacking property. The kindly compliance of the United States and Russia merely endangers everybody in Pekin."

EXCHANGES CLOSED.

Mark of Respect to the Queen's Memory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—With one exception the exchanges closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Queen Victoria. The exception was the coffee exchange.

SAILED FOR CHINA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—Captain C. Stockton sailed today on the steamer China, to take command of the battleship Kentucky, in Asiatic waters, relieving Captain Chester.

NINE KILLED.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.—[By Associated Press]—A special from Prentice says that in the Soo train wreck six persons were injured and nine killed.

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In accordance with a request from the Porto Rican commission, Secretary of State Laylin has forwarded to San Juan a copy of the Ohio constitution. That important document is thought to contain all that is best in method of government and is expected to be an excellent guide in preparing the new constitution intended for the management of affairs in our island territory.

The intimation freely made that the talk of an extraordinary session of congress is due to the desire of the friends of the ship subsidy bill to force action upon it is unworthy of consideration. The probability of an extra session has grown entirely out of the President's own suggestion that the necessity for legislation with regard to Cuba and the Philippines is of such paramount importance as to outweigh all personal considerations.

A dispatch from Patterson, N. J., shows that the sentences of the murderers of Jennie Bosschieter are by no means as severe as the public thinks. The time allowed off for good behavior in the New Jersey state prison works something like compound interest, and the full time off a thirty-year sentence is no less than 3,652 days, or about ten years. The awful arraignment of the murderers by Judge Dixon was incompatible with the verdict of the jury which sent them to prison when it should have sent them to the gallows.

Washington dispatches indicate a determination on a part of leaders in both Houses to dispose of important business on the calendar as far as any pending legislation is concerned, showing how universal is the feeling that the Fifty-seventh Congress should not be called in extraordinary session. It seems reasonably certain now that the legislative programme of the Republican senators already inaugurated will be carried out successfully, and that if an extra session is to be called it will be because of the firm conviction of the President that the Cuban question, which overshadows all others in importance, must be met and disposed of now.

Thirsty citizens of Canton and Youngstown know little of the quality or the quantity of the ambrosia with which the Massillon Water Supply Company serves its patrons. Secretary Barry, of the Canton board of waterworks trustees, includes this city in the list of those which he thinks will be forced in the near future, by reason of increased population to pipe their water from Lake Erie. According to the statement of Secretary Inman in another part of THE INDEPENDENT, it is evident that, far from ever coming to an emergency which would force it to share the drink of Cleveland, Massillon might quench the thirst of both Canton and Youngstown for a time without affecting its own supply.

John McBride, in his publication, The Miner and Operator, which is devoted to the interests and voices the demands of the coal trade and those who engage in it, refers most sensibly to the joint conference of miners and operators now in session at Columbus. These meetings are a happy departure from old-time methods, and the eyes of hundreds of thousands of people watch with hopeful expectancy for harmonious proceedings and an amicable settlement. "Both employers and employes are so well organized and so confident of their ability to protect what they consider properly belongs to them," writes Mr. McBride, "that but little provocation will be required to cause a disagreement, a hasty adjournment and unfortunate complications. We shall not treat upon matters likely to be discussed, but in the interest of all concerned we urge that the discussion be conducted along business methods so that even should a disagreement follow it shall not be said that the abuse from one side or the other was responsible for a failure to agree."

The proposition made by the Hon. W. A. Lynch at the board of trade's banquet on Thursday evening, regarding the purchase of additional land along the line of the interurban road between Massillon and Canton by the two cities and the conversion of the highway into a boulevard, is one which cannot fail to excite popular interest and approval. THE INDEPENDENT suggests that the idea might also be approved by our neighbors at Navarre. According to the definite promise of President Lynch, work on the Navarre extension of the electric road is to begin as soon as the weather permits, and property owners along that line could doubtless be as easily impressed with the feasibility of the plan as those living between Massillon and Canton. A broad tree-shaded avenue leading from Canton, through Massillon to Navarre, would be a public improvement of inestimable value. "The tie that binds" Massillon to Canton is not to be of more relative importance in the future than that which will bind Massillon to Navarre. THE INDEPENDENT wants its Bethlehem township friends to be given a chance to share in developing the boulevard project.

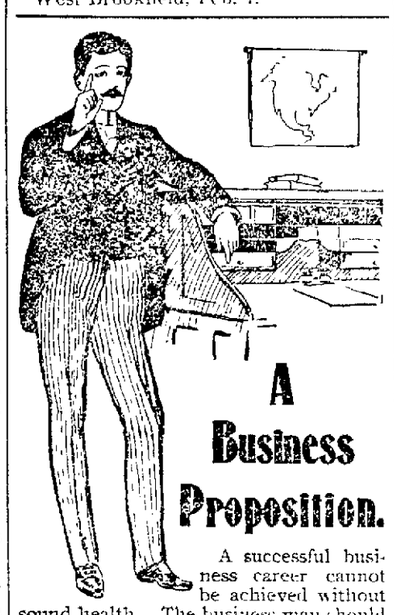
The Ohio State Journal calls attention to the fact that Republican success in the election of the next general assembly can be commanded in a large measure by the quality of the nominations made. It is generally understood that a terrific effort will be made by the Ohio Democracy, marshaled by John R. McLean and his friends, to capture the legislature that will have the task of electing a United States senator and redistricting the state for congressional purposes. "This will be what is known in politics as an off year," says the State Journal, "and is fraught with all the danger that usually attaches to an election following a presidential contest. Ohio, last November, gave a plurality of 70,000 in round numbers for the electors pledged to vote for McKinley and Roosevelt, but carelessness here and there throughout the state, a lack of organization, the nomination of unpopular candidates for the legislature, and a variety of other causes, can reduce this to the danger point. The re-election of Governor Nash and the entire state ticket is assured, it only being a question of the size of the majority, but the Republican majority in the joint session of the legislature may be jeopardized by the nomination of men in a dozen of the close counties of the state who cannot command the party support at the election. While it is absolutely necessary for the credit of the party that strong nominations be made in all of the counties for members of the House, there are a number where this advice ought to be especially taken, for a few votes are sufficient to turn the scale."

A MINER'S OPINION.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT:

I saw in your paper of Jan. 28 the opinion of Mr. Howells on the wage question for mining coal, in which he says the miner had better accept a reduction instead of an increase on the present rate for mining coal. I differ with him. In my opinion, a small advance in miners' wages should not advance the selling price of coal. If I remember rightly, the present scale of wages was fixed on the selling price of coal at the time of the agreement between the miners and operators, January, 1900, and did not come into effect until April 1, 1900, at which date coal was also advanced, so that the advance of coal was after the present rate of wages had been fixed, and as that rate prevails until April 1 of this year, it gives the operators the advantage of the advance in the price of coal for one year before the miner asks for his share of the aforesaid advance. So in my opinion, the miner is entitled to a small advance upon the present scale of wages, and it should not make any change in the selling price of coal.

West Brookfield, Feb. 1.



A Business Proposition.

A successful business career cannot be achieved without sound health. The business man should guard his health as he guards his capital; for health is part of his capital and the impairment of that capital affects every business interest. A sedentary occupation and quick lunches, soon show their effects in a sluggish liver. The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure "liver trouble" as well as indigestion and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

The "Discovery" strengthens the body by supplying Nature with strength making materials. It contains no whisky, alcohol or other intoxicant.

"After three years of suffering with liver trouble and malaria" writes Mr Edward Jacobs, of Marengo, Crawford Co., Indiana, "I gave up all hopes of ever getting stout again, and the last chance was to try your medicine. I had tried all the home doctors and received but little relief. After taking three bottles of Dr Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and one vial of his 'Pleasant Pellets' I am stout and hearty. It is due entirely to your wonderful medicines."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets assist the action of "Golden Medical Discovery."

Recent experiments show that all classes of foods may be completely digested by a preparation called Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which absolutely digests what you eat. As it is the only combination of all the natural digestants ever devised the demand for it has become enormous. It has never failed to cure the very worst cases of indigestion and it always gives instant relief. Chas. W. Cupples, 139 West Tremont street, Rider & Snyder, 12 East Main street.

NERVE AND BRAWN.

Requisites in Days When Town was "Tough."

WORK OF THE MARSHAL.

T. H. Seaman, Now City Clerk, Tells of the Trials and Triumphs Which were the Lot of the Men with the Badge in the Sixties—A "Fire-Eater" From the Lakes who Lost at His Own Game.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT.

In response to your repeated requests, I will, as briefly as I can, relate some of my experinnees in the line of police duty, in years now long past, and the events to which I shall refer are now remembered only by a comparatively few of our citizens.

The last meeting of the council of the "town" (village) of Massillon was held on the 17th of March, 1868, and the first meeting of the council, under the advancement to a city of the 2d class, was held on Monday, April 13, 1868. The population of Massillon was, at the time of advancement, slightly in excess of 5,000, and Massillon was reputed a "tough" town, and in some respects merited the reputation, as considerable portions of the community, in the city and adjacent territory, were much given to non-observance of laws, and especially village ordinances and municipal authority. Petty crimes and breaches of the peace, Sunday desecration and open saloons bred a desire on the part of the order-loving, law-respecting part of the community to see reforms instituted that would vindicate the laws and ordinances, and promote peace and good order in the city. In furtherance of this view I was elected city marshal in 1869, being the first marshal elected in the city to serve a two-year term, and also the first to be required to devote his time exclusively to the city. Having no authorized assistant (and no policemen) I found that the "job" was not an alluring one. The elements opposed to the restraints of law soon put themselves very conspicuously in evidence, and in ways innumerable made the fact evident to me. It is not my purpose to write a connected record of events in my experience, but I will give an instance of one method employed to make me "tame." On the night of my election, a large crowd being assembled in a Main street saloon, the report of the election being made to the crowd, one Charley Nicholas, a rough, ignorant fellow, a Lake Erie sailor, announced his early return to the lakes, and his purpose in the meantime to "Break the —— —— —— in, so that you boys will have it easy, after all."

Of this I was ignorant at the time, and only learned the facts later on, and in a way at once unpleasant to us both, but largely profitable to me.

On the second Saturday night after my installation as marshal, I had patrolled the streets until near midnight, and as I was very tired I concluded to go home. The mayor's office being then on the second floor of the Rick's building, I repaired thither, and hung up my cane and proceeded to go home. I proposed going past the jewelry store kept by L. Schnilly, now occupied by A. J. Miller, jeweler. A regulator clock hung just within the south window, and with a view to note the time, I approached near to the entrance step and discovered a man lying on the step, his feet on the pavement, knees drawn up, and his head against the foundation range stone or step proper, a slouch hat covering his face. As I approached he did not move, or seem to note my presence. Stepping into the doorway recess, I noted the time, and turned to ascertain who the apparent sleeper was. Gently tapping him on his knee with my finger, he sprang to his feet with an oath and a declaration that, "this is business." Of course I recognized the fellow, and divined his purpose, but quickly calling him by name, told him that his excitement was uncalled for, as I had no purpose other than to awaken him if he had been sleeping, and to rouse him up if drunk, and send him home if able and willing to go, but at all events it was my duty, in view of the attitude I found him in, to learn his identity at least, and further, that I would expect him to go to his home quietly, and keep out of trouble. His response to this was such as to be unfit to repeat, and was evidently intended to provoke my anger, and invite an attempt to arrest him, and knowing his disposition, I well knew that an attempt at arrest meant a fight. However, I again commanded him to quietly go home or I would arrest him and lock him up. His response was insulting and seeing the inevitable was before me, I collared him, and in a twinkling he clinched me in a savage manner.

I was not altogether unprepared, and closing with him, I quickly threw him and proceeded to punish him as I thought his merits demanded, while he meantime tore my clothing, which in turn called for more of what "Paddy gave the drum" from me, with the result that he "gave in," voluntarily offering to go home or to the lockup, and as I presumed he had his "fill of fight," I let him up. My hat had fallen off in the scuffle, and as I stooped to pick it up, he, doubtless thinking he saw his opportunity, sprang onto me, and as I was not altogether unprepared for his move, I quickly took a position to meet the shock of his onset, and fortunately, caught him in such a manner, as he sought to close with me, that I easily threw him, and getting a grip on his throat, proceeded to punish him to a, as I thought, conclusion. That he was game, even to folly, was apparent from the fact that I had him at my mercy completely and continued to punish him. Yet he refused to yield, and I was compelled to administer extreme coercive measures until he finally begged me to desist, promised absolute submission to any directions I would give concerning him, and I, releasing my hold upon him, as he lay prone in the gutter, sought to assist him to his feet. This he tacitly refused by turning to a position upon his hand and knees, and I, suspecting his design, took hold of his collar and as he turned my hand followed the movement until it securely gripped his clothing at the back of the neck, when, as was expected, he quickly threw out his right hand to grasp my feet and by this means throw me to the ground, but the trick was anticipated by me and I as quickly shuffled backward, at the same time suddenly throwing my weight upon the back of his neck and with my right hand caught his hair, as suddenly pressing him face downward upon the cobble stone gutter, and regardless of his struggles, thrust his face upon the stones with a force that fully answered the purpose of effecting his complete submission. Realizing that he might need such care as I could not give him in the old plank 12x12 "calaboose," I permitted him to go home which he was then glad enough to do, and I also went home with clothing in a sadly rent condition, but not a bruise or scratch upon my person.

After the event I learned of the boast he had made in the saloon, and that in furtherance of his plan to "make me tame for the boys" he had "lain for me," and had deliberately placed himself upon the step to challenge my attention, and the results were as above stated.

The incident above related was of great value to me, as it pretty fully advertised the fact that I was quite able to attend to the physical part of my duty, and the ultimate effect was that, except cases of drunkenness, the "boys" about town were duly admonished, and with one exception I do not now recall any instance wherein I was called upon to repeat that night's experience, so far as residents of the city were concerned, and I only relate the circumstances to show the spirit manifested by a very considerable portion of our people in their opposition to me, as the chosen means of effecting the reforms so much needed, and indeed for a long time I was threatened with bodily harm for faithfully enforcing the ordinances of the city and the criminal statute of the state, which, under then existing conditions, was a matter requiring both moral and physical courage to a degree not now quite understood, especially by the younger generation of citizens; and the fact that I had no assistance, day or night, may aid the reader in reaching an assenting conclusion.

If it will meet your views, Mr. Editor and kind reader, I will in the near future relate an instance or two of successful captures of criminals caught in the commission of the crime of burglary within the city.

T. H. SEAMAN.

LOCAL STATISTICS.

Remarkable Facts Concerning January.

ONE BUILDING PERMIT.

The Month Extraordinary in that There was Much Sickness and Few Arrests—The Births More than Double the Deaths.

Sickness, general and all kinds, made January a remarkable month. It is estimated that the grip cases alone approximated, on an average, one to every family in the city. Health Officer T. Clarke Miller says that the last case of diphtheria was reported in the early part of the month. There has been some whooping cough, and there were two cases of typhoid fever, but grip was king. Many of the grip victims suffered also from more serious complications resulting from that disease.

THERE WERE TEN DEATHS.

The deaths of the month numbered ten. The births approximated twenty-five, but all the reports have not yet come in. None of those reported as yet are for births taking place on January 1. The fear has been expressed that the city will not be able to boast of a babe born with the century.

ARRESTS OF THE MONTH.

Police reports show that there were but eleven arrests in January. In the preceding month there were twenty-eight. Not in years has the number of arrests for a month been so low.

BUT ONE PERMIT.

The only building permit issued during the month by City Clerk Seaman was that granted to Columbus Bader, who will erect a structure of galvanized iron in South Erie street.

RAINFALL OF THE MONTH.

The rainfall for the last month, it is learned at the pumping station of the Massillon Water Supply Company today, was 1.33 inches. That of the same month in 1900 was 1.92 inches. There were six rains last month, the heaviest downpour being .28 of an inch. The remainder of the fall was made up by snow.

W. L. Yancy, Paducah, Ky., writes: "I had a severe case of kidney disease and three of the best physicians in southern Kentucky treated me without success. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief, and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy." Rider & Snyder.

THE C. E. CONVENTION

Most Delegates Busy Attending Meetings.

PROMINENT CLERGYMEN SPOKE.

Many Business Buildings and Private Residences Displayed the Canadian Endeavor Colors—Baer Spoke of Next International Convention.

Portland, Me., Feb. 2.—Most of the delegates to the Christian Endeavor twentieth anniversary convention were kept busy attending meetings. Clergymen from many prominent parishes of the country contributed to the program and the praise service gave delightful variation.

Many business buildings and private residences displayed the Endeavor colors and the various headquarters and meeting places were profusely decorated.

Exercises were held in the Second Parish church, beginning with a quiet hour, led by William R. Moody, of East Northfield, Mass., and devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. A. H. Wright, of Portland. Secretary John Willis Baer, of the United society, spoke of the international convention to be held at Cincinnati, July 6-10, saying that plans were being made to accommodate at least 20,000 delegates.

A number of others made speeches at the different meetings.

Today will be the most important one, the feature being the unveiling of the memorial tablet on Williston church, where the first Christian Endeavor society was formed by Rev. P. E. Clark, 20 years ago.

PETER DONAHUE KILLED.

P. & L. E. Passenger Train Dashed Into Nickle Plate Freight—Dead Man Left Widow and Children.

Ashtabula, O., Feb. 2.—A passenger train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad dashed into the rear end of a Nickel Plate freight train at a point between Wallace junction and Erie, Pa. A blinding snow storm prevailed at the time, and the engineer of the passenger train failed to see a flagman who had gone back to flag his train in time to prevent a collision.

The conductor of the freight train, Peter Donahue, was killed. He had just stepped out of the freight caboose and the locomotive of the passenger train crushed the life out of him instantly. He left a widow and three children at Conneaut. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train jumped from their engine and escaped injury.

Some passengers on the Bessemer train were badly shaken up, but none were seriously hurt.

MRS. NATION'S WARNING.

Told Topeka Saloonkeepers Force Would Be Used, if They Did Not Close Up.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Carrie Nation sent a personal letter to all the saloonkeepers in Topeka, warning them to stop their business. The letter was addressed to "The Joint Keepers of Topeka: My Dear Hell-bound Sinners."

Mrs. Nation sugested in the letter that the joint keepers appoint a place of meeting with her, in which the situation could be carefully canvassed and a decision concerning the future disposition of the joints arrived at. She intimated that forcible measures would soon begin if they would not heed her advice and close up.

Body of Little Jack McCormick.

New York, Feb. 2.—The body of little Jack McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCormick, and grandson of John D. Rockefeller, who died on Jan. 2, of scarlet fever, was taken to Chicago for final interment.

EVENTS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson, living on the Cadiz pike, near Wheeling, W. Va., gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. The two weighed only three and a half pounds. The boy died.

Walter C. McAllister, William A. Death, Andrew J. Campbell and George J. Kerr, who were convicted at Paterson, N. J., of the murder of Jennie Bosschieter, were taken to the state penitentiary at Trenton, N. J.

It is feared two policemen lost their lives in the big East Side fire in New York. Their names are Fitzpatrick and Mullen. Neither reported for duty Friday morning and when officers went to their homes it was learned they had not been home all night.

J. Prevost Mason, the alleged bank defaulter, who shot himself dead at his home in the Bronx, New York, is said to have stolen money from the Continental National bank, where he was employed, that he might purchase medicines and luxuries for his invalid daughter.

Preparations are making on the Bowery, New York, to give Steve Brodie, the bridge jumper, a big funeral. It is understood his remains will be brought from Texas, where he died Thursday, and that there will be one of the most imposing demonstrations there that the Bowery has ever seen. Brodie was immensely popular on the East Side. His saloon in the Bowery was closed Friday.

In the tall apartment house, the Pierrepont, in West Thirty-second street, opposite the Imperial hotel, New York, an alcohol lamp under a chafing dish, in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Peleteau, exploded and caused an alarm of fire. Mrs. Peleteau and her niece, Miss B. Fisher, were severely burned. Men and women ran around in pajamas, dressing gowns, kimonas and other odd garments, and firemen threw furniture out of windows. A table hit one fireman below and broke his arm. It seemed as if the whole tenderloin had gathered to watch the excitement. The damage is estimated at $25,000.

WOOLEN PRICES LOWER.

Reduction Effected Textiles—Steel Prices Generally Ruled Firm—Some Points of Dun's Review.

New York, Feb. 2.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade, published today, said in part:

The week in general business has been without striking new feature, but in this respect the outcome has been favorable. Not one of the great industries finds any scarcity of orders for goods, and business is done at prices which show a slight tendency to rise, except in textiles, which have been effected by the reduction of 10 to 20 per cent in the season's opening prices by the American Woolen company. This cut is expected to be indefinitely continued. Developments in the money market, however, indicate that the dry goods trade is preparing for a season of activity, and the new woolen prices are not lower than most buyers expected. There is nothing encouraging in the slight decline in commodity prices from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, and railroad earnings continue large, increasing 11.1 per cent for three weeks of January over last year and 26.2 per cent over 1899. New York bank clearings for the week gained 48.3 per cent over 1900, and outside New York the gain is 10.8 per cent. There is a loss of 0.4 per cent outside New York for the week, compared with 1899, but it is due to the fact that February settlements were increased in that year.

While steel mills have contracts on hand for their output from three to six months ahead, prices naturally rule firm. Few actual advances are recorded, but there is expectation of a higher figure seen for Bessemer pig iron, while rumors are numerous as to a rise in billets, plates and structural materials. All these lines show a brisk demand. Nails and barbed wire advanced $2 per ton, owing to heavy orders from the west, and it is expected the few mills still idle will shortly resume. Activity in Texas oil fields has an influence on the sales of pipes and tanks. Wages are in a fair way to be satisfactorily adjusted at Valley furnaces; the reduction agreed upon is less than originally announced. Export orders decrease, and the Russian armor plate contract may not go to an American, although his terms were the best.

A sudden increase in sales of wool at three chief eastern markets to 5,412,700 pounds, against 2,893,400 in the previous week, does not appear significant. After such an unusually dull season some recovery was in order. For five weeks sales were 18,687,700 pounds, against 28,579,930 in the same weeks of 1896, which was the smallest aggregate in five years. These figures indicate present conditions in this industry. Even the small operations were only accepted at a further reduction in quotations, the average now being the lowest since June, 1899.

Interior holders are stubbornly refusing to accept present prices. Heavy weight suitings were opened at the expected reduction, and another week of the London auction sales is not expected to have any effect.

FLUCTUATIONS WERE PRONOUNCED.

Some Movements In the Stock Market on Friday.

New York, Feb. 2.—Fluctuations in the stock market Friday were very pronounced in a number of cases and professional operators were successful in reviving bullish interest practically as they saw fit. They resorted to palpable manipulation at times in order to acquire a following, and after successfully bidding up a leading group realized on their holdings and began anew in another quarter. As a result the market displayed at one time or another pronounced strength in every division.

Late in the day a report was current that Union Pacific had secured control of the Southern Pacific railroad. No official confirmation could be had of this statement, but the fact that the market for Union Pacific boiled for a time, with the stock rising 4½ points on transactions of 225,000 shares, was sufficient in itself, according to the views of the traders, as being authoritative. It was admitted that a leading interest in Southern Pacific had sold out to a syndicate presumably representing Union Pacific. During the general selling toward the close it sagged to 46¼, compared with 49¼, the opening figure. A factor which was instrumental in advancing the market Friday was the lack of any gold engagements for today's steamer to Europe.

Some features at various times in the stock market were Kansas and Texas preferred, Tennessee Coal, Atchison and Louisville, the latter being strengthened by its excellent December earnings. Profit taking became quite general in the late dealings and material inroads were made on the high prices of the day in some stocks. On the other hand, there were points of renewed strength, and the market closed very animated and regular.

Important advances were made in many prominent bonds Friday and exceptional gains were made of 6½ and 7 points respectively in Peoria and Eastern incomes and Central of Georgia first incomes. The absorption of 4 per cent bonds was enormous, causing unusual activity in Iron Mountain 4s, Wisconsin Central 4s, San Antonio and Arkansas Pass 4s and Southern Pacific 4s. The aggregate transactions footed up the exceptional figure of $7,295,000.

United States 3s coupon declined ¼ per cent on the last call.

Omnibus Claims Bill Passed.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The house passed an omnibus bill carrying 191 claims for stores and supplies taken by the Union army during the rebellion. The claims were passed on by the court of claims and aggregated $344,480. Practically all the beneficiaries reside in the south.

Rev. Dr. Hofford Dead.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 2.—Rev. W. R. Hofford, D. D., a Reformed church clergyman, died suddenly from apoplexy, aged 67 years.

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COUNTY SEAT NEWS

Saloon Keepers Fined $40 Each.

ISAAC STRIPE REWARDED.

He Receives $100 of Reward Offered in the Hartong Case—Common Pleas Court Will Not Convene Until Tuesday Morning—Assignments for Both Rooms.

CANTON, Feb. 2.—There will be no court held by the Stark county common pleas judges next Monday, it being the centennial anniversary of the ascendency of John Marshall to the United States supreme court bench. The members of the local bar association have arranged for a banquet at the Barnett House, on Monday evening, in honor of what is called "John Marshall Day." Court will resume Tuesday morning in both rooms.

Twenty two cases are assigned for next week's sessions of the common pleas court, eleven in each room, as follows:

COURT ROOM NO. 1.

Tuesday — Hearing motion docket: Guffey vs. Weaver & Sons: Koch Bros. vs. Tschantz; Wonderly vs. Oldfield et al.

Wednesday—Blackledge vs. Young; Purney vs. Lash; Feightner vs. Aldinger.

Thursday—McMillan vs. News-Democrat Publishing Co.; Dreyer et al. vs. Central Savings Bank Co.: Powell vs. General Accident Insurance Co.

Friday—Garvin vs. Skelton et al.: Graham vs. Meuser Bros.

COURT ROOM NO. 2.

Tuesday—Hearing motion docket: McCurdy vs. Pennsylvania Co.; Culp vs. Goughnour: Aston vs. City of Canton.

Wednesday—Kittinger vs. Kittinger: Thoma vs. Loutzenheiser: Ohio ex rel. Jamyson vs. Harmon.

Thursday—Wilhelm vs. Palm: National Cash Register Co. vs. Bloomberg et al.

Friday—Karper vs. Brechbill, admr. etc.: Katool vs. New England Carnival Promoting Co. et al.; Erskine vs. Killey.

Isaac Stripe, of Greentown, who has been in consultation for some time past with the county commissioners regarding an allowance of part of the $600 offered as a reward for the apprehension of the murderers of John Hartong, has been granted $100, and the money was paid by Auditor Reed on Friday. Stripe was one of the important witnesses for the state in the trial against William Henderson for the murder and he claimed that he did much toward Henderson's arrest and conviction and therefore was entitled to part of the reward.

The four Canton saloonkeepers who were called before the mayor at the instance of the anti-saloon league, appeared Friday afternoon and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of violating the Sunday closing law. They were fined $40 and costs each. They were Ray Piero, Charles Kress, Fred Isler and John Konen. There was another name on the list but it is understood that the case against its owner will not be pushed, as he is the partner of one of the other men.

A meeting of the board of directors of the county workhouse was held Thursday forenoon, all members being present, and organized for the ensuing year by electing Judge George E. Baldwin, president, and A. B. Love, secretary. Guards were elected as follows: Captain, Winfield S. Rank, John Trump, Thomas V. Brisbin, Charles J. Slagle, Homer Stone. Andrew Kintz was re-elected cook and William Crubaugh engineer. The guards and engineer will each receive $50 per month and the cook $40 per month salary. J. A. Putt, W. H. Reed and C. A. Kreighbaum, who served as guards during the past year, were supplanted by Brisbin, Stone and Slagle. The new officers go on duty February 1. The next regular meeting of the board will be held Tuesday, February 5.

In the estate of Hannah Johnson, of Lawrence township, inventory and appraisement have been filed.

Mrs. Mary Cupples has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Paul Hourict, of Massillon.

Permits to wed have been granted to Aaren Davis and Baldwin Morris, of East Greenville; Gottleib Ortwein and Amelia Schureimer, of Massillon.

Through his attorney, John Adair, Jules Desveignes has begun suit against J. J. and Ada E. Wampler for money due on a mortgage on the farm of the defendants in Tuscarawas township.

Peter J. Frank, indicted by the grand jury for keeping his saloon open on Sunday, appeared before Judge Ambler and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs and serve ten days in the workhouse.

In the guardianship of Wilda McWhinney, of Sugarcreek township, an inventory has been filed.

In the estate of Orlando B. Weimer, of Sugarcreek township, the will has been filed for probate.

The fifth partial account has been filed in the guardianship of Helen S. Russell, of Massillon.

The will of Henry Snyder, of Massillon has been probated and the widow elects to take under the will.

Petition for the sale of real estate has been filed in the estate of Hannah Johnson, of Lawrence township.

The final account has been filed in the estate of Henry Snyder, of Massillon.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Rebecca Hershey by heir to Effie A. Blanchard, lot 140, first ward, Massillon, $330.

James Brown to Lewis Spuhler, lot 302, first ward, Massillon, $1,700.

John J. Maudru to Alice Larmer, lot 2,705 second ward, Massillon, $260.

Alice Larmer to Alice Muckley, lot 2,705 second ward, Massillon, $260.

Wm. F. Breed to Sylvester Burd, lot 2,194, second ward, Massillon, $100.

Sylvester Burd to Martha E. Bowman, lot 2,194, second ward, Massillon, $100.

Peter Hensal by heirs to Eminias and Harvey K. Hensal, 85 48-100 acres, Perry township, $3,990.

Peter Hensal by heirs to Eminias and Harvey K. Hensal, 5 97-100 acres, Perry township, $150.

Peter Hensal to Eminias and Harvey K. Hensal, 22 45-100 acres, Perry township, $720.

Peter Hensal to Eminias and Harvey K Hensal, 53 80-100 acres, Perry township, $1,650.

Morganthaler & Heister to Frances E. Morganthaler, lot 75, Columbian Heights, Perry township, $20.

John A. Booth to Alexander Miller, lot 3, Doll heirs' addition, Tuscarawas township, $390.

Michael Fetzer to Simon F. Fetzer, lot 14, Jackson township, $1,000.

Mary Snyder to Elizabeth Schneider, part of lot 2,489, first ward, Massillon, $30.

Ella R. Pitts to Edward L. Waltz, lot 249, third ward, Massillon, $2,500.

John F. Peter to John E. Keith, 7½ acres in Perry township, $2,200.

NEARBY TOWN NEWS

OUR DALTON LETTER.

DALTON, Feb. 1.—Mrs. William Feasel has returned from Columbus, where she was called two weeks ago by the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Howard Feasel.

Homer Keplinger, of Canal Dover, is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Jim Gibson.

Barney Mossop is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Schultz avenue. Slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Simon Buch, of East Union, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Weldy.

Howard Jameson, our postmaster, is confined to his bed with the grip.

The Dalton Dramatic Company gave their war drama, "Side Lights on the Rebellion," at Creston Saturday evening. They report a good house and a good time.

Miss Elizabeth McElhinney, assistant high school teacher, of Orrville, spent Sunday with Miss Welty, of this place.

Miss Gertrude Scott entertained a small company with "carroms" on Wednesday evening.

The "Up to Date Club" met at the home of Miss Della Eckard Friday evening. Washington Irving was the subject, and interesting papers were read by the Misses Eckard, Pope and Welty. There was a talk by Maggie Cully and recitation by Dot Wurtz.

Wade Race, of Zanesville, spent Sunday with his parents in Dalton.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Amanda Baughman received a telegram stating that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Baughman, of Carbon, Pa., had died suddenly Monday night. She leaves a husband and little son.

Orin Schultz, clerk in M. F. McDowell's hardware store, will leave Monday for East Liverpool, where he has accepted a position with a hardware and plumbing firm.

Tuesday evening, while Dr. Sanderson's two children were alone in the room, little Jennie accidentally upset the lamp. With great forethought her small brother carried her on the porch and then called his mother. The fire company was called, but before they reached the house fire extinguishers were used and they were not needed. Carpet, curtains, etc., were slightly damaged.

AFFAIRS AT SIXTEEN.

SIXTEEN, Jan. 31.—The Rev. Mr. Adams left Sunday evening for his old home, where he will hold services this week.

Mrs. Frank Geis, of Massillon, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George McGill.

David Erb, who has been suffering with palsy, is improving.

Miss Laura Oberlin is among those suffering with the grip.

Mrs. John Shilling and daughter Edith, of Stanwood, visited Mrs. Marion Culler on Tuesday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pauli's died on Sunday evening. The funeral was held on Wednesday.

Jacob Yost and Samuel Kandel are making "props" these cold days.

NOTES FROM NAVARRE.

NAVARRE, Feb. 2.—A number of young folks attended the meeting of the literary society at Eberly's Tuesday evening.

Sam Brusman and John Clark, of Massillon, were in town on Wednesday

A. E. Hall is suffering with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Prof. W. N. Stahl is able to take charge of his school again.

Mrs. Emery Carr is at Newcomerstown taking care of her husband, who was severely hurt while at work on the W. & L. E. railroad.

Mrs. Edward Wright is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Phil Loew and son Paul are on the sick list.

Bert Tombaugh, of Canton, Miss Daisy Jorden, of Kemery, and Miss Myrtle McCormick, of Massillon, spent Saturday with Miss Lola Warwick.

A number of young people attended the dance at Kelley's hall on Saturday night.

Mrs. Charles Henderson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Nelson Evans spent Thursday in Massillon.

J. G. Warwick was a Massillon visitor on Thursday.

Jell-O, The New Dessert,

pleases all the family. Four flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cts. Try it today.

HELD FOR MURDER

Monroe Aukerman Arrested at Kalamazoo.

HE IS WELL KNOWN HERE.

A Nineteen-Year-Old Boy Said to Have Deliberately Killed a Fellow Workman Because He Twitted Him About His Sweetheart—Aukerman a Nephew of John Drummond, of This City—Formerly Lived South of Town.

Monroe Aukerman, aged 19 years, who formerly lived south of this city, and who is a nephew of John Drummond, a resident of Forest street, is a prisoner at Kalamazoo, charged with murder in the first degree. Aukerman is a son of Henry Aukerman, who is well known in Massillon. The latter, when he lived in this vicinity, was a thresher and operator of a saw-mill. The murder was committed on the farm of Cyrus Thayer, near Kalamazoo, Wednesday morning. The murdered man was Fred. Harris, colored. Both Harris and Aukerman were employed on the Thayer farm. Harris was about 120 years old. The following account of the murder appears in the Kalamazoo Gazette-News:

From various sources it is plain that there had been bad feeling between the men for the past two months, arising from a quarrel regarding a young lady employed at the Thayer home. Young Aukerman had shown some affection for the young lady and Harris had teased him.

Wednesday morning the two men were about to start for the woods, where they have been cutting wood, when Harris wanted to remove a blanket from one of the horses in the stable and put it on one of the team they were to drive. To this Aukerman objected, and a quarrel ensued. This settled, they started to the woods, but shortly after arriving there Aukerman renewed the quarrel, and told Harris that then was as good a time as any to settle their differences. At this Harris is said to have armed himself with an ax, and Aukerman told him if he attempted to use it he would shoot him within a hour.

Aukerman put on his coat and told Harris he was going after a gun and would shoot him as soon as he returned.

Aukerman then deliberately, but with murder in his heart, went to the barn, secured a horse and carriage, drove to Cooper Center and purchased a box of shells at the store of W. Huntley. He then drove to the home of his brother, Ben Aukerman, and secured his brother's shot gun from his wife.

After securing the gun he coolly told his sister-in-law what he was going to do with it, when she attempted to take the gun from him and dissuade him from his firmly expressed purpose, but he refused to listen, and getting to the carriage hastily returned to the Thayer farm, where followed the cold-blooded crime.

While Aukerman had been gone, Harris had loaded a load of wood and had just driven up to the house as Aukerman drove into the yard and jumped from the carriage, gun in hand.

Thayer, seeing that Aukermen meant harm, cried to Harris to get out of the way quickly. Harris, at this, made a dash for the house, and as he passed Aukerman the latter fired, the charge of shot taking effect in the left jaw and tearing the lower portion of that side of his face nearly off.

Harris staggered about ten feet away and fell, and as he went to the ground, Aukerman, having reloaded his gun, fired a second charge, this taking effect in the left shoulder. Harris went to the ground, and then Aukerman fired a third shot, striking in the neck and base of the brain.

The murderer then walked to the Drury farm, a half mile distant, where his brother, Ben Aukerman, and Harry Logan were cutting wood. He told them what he had done and was persuaded to give up the weapon and cartridges, and was also advised to at once give himself up to the officers. Logan volunteered to bring him to Kalamazoo. The three then drove to Cooper Center, where young Aukerman went and bid his sister goodbye. He was arrested at Cooper Center, as he was about to start for Kalamazoo.

Ask Your Neighbor.

Hundreds of Massillon Citizens Can Tell You All About it.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Massillon people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Massillon reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in far away places. Read the following:

Mrs. R. W. Buttermore, of 124 Wellman street, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are a remedy of great value and effectiveness. Mr. Buttermore has used them with the most excellent results. They were procured at Z. T. Baltzly's drug store, Erie street, opposite the opera house, and from the benefit he received, he says, their value is beyond price. My brother living in the country, also used Doan's Kidney Pills and esteems them as highly as we do."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no other.

"I have always used Foley's Honey and Tar cough medicine, and think it the best in the world," says Chas. Bender, a newsdealer of Erie, Pa. Nothing else as good. Rider & Snyder.

CHARGES AGAINST WILCOX.

Formal Protest Against His Seating In the House—Bigamy and Treason Two of Charges.

Washington, Feb. 2. Mr. Gear filed a formal protest with the house committee on elections against the seating of Robert W. Wilcox as a delegate to congress from Hawaii, and asks that he be ousted from his seat and that said seat be declared vacant. He charges that there existed no law for the holding of the election of a delegate. He also charges that Wilcox in 1883 married Gina Sobrero, in Turin, Italy; that he separated from her, and without a previous divorce on Aug. 20, 1895, married Theresa Cartwright. There was no divorce till 1900. He alleges that in 1895 Wilcox was convicted of treason against the republic of Hawaii, sentenced to be hanged, which sentence was commuted to 35 years' imprisonment, but subsequently he was pardoned; that Wilcox, in his ante-election speeches, made strong anti-American utterances, promising to restore the queen if he should be elected; that he wrote treasonable letters since the annexation of Hawaii, counseling others to engage in open rebellion against the United States, and that he offered his services to General Aguinaldo to go to the Philippines to fight against the United States.

One of the alleged treasonable letters is dated Honolulu, June 31, 1899. It is a letter of introduction and is addressed to Dr. Joseph Losada, Captain Martl Burgos and Senor J. Luna, in it Wilcox is quoted as saying:

"Mr. Day will be a useful ally to fight for the cause of the Filipinos. He has always given his useful service in the cause of the weaker race against the aggressive intruders. I am already made up my mind to join with you in your country against America in case they insist to ignore the right, the justice of your cause. I know well my profession as an artillery officer.

"I have no fear of the whole world when I fight for a legitimate cause like yours. Between General Aguinaldo's determination and myself, there will be little chances left to the invading army of the United States to conquer your country. Tell General Aguinaldo I am already given my services for your country, and I am ready to obey orders to go to your country and fight for the independence of your people and country at any moment."

There is another letter, dated March 8, 1899. It is in similar strain. He wants to assist Aguinaldo against "the invaders," "the hypocritical Yankees," "the carpet bag politician, Otis," and "the Americans are too hogish in their undertaking and they will always make blunders."

Delegate Wilcox, when interviewed on the subject of the letters, said: "I have no fear of the result. I think the record of Mr. Gear ought to be investigated before he is given a hearing. I remember I once did write a letter to Luna and others mentioned. It was introducing Celso C. Hareno, now of this country, an Italian, who was once secretary of state of Hawaii. That was before the war, when they were trying to get some concessions from congress. Mareno wanted to represent the Filipinos before congress. I think he must have sold the letters. He cooked up this whole thing. I don't know whether those letters are genuine or not. I want to see the originals first. I will not admit nor deny. I don't know what I wrote. At that time I was for Hawaii and I may have sympathized with the Filipinos then."

CABINET MEETING HELD.

Different Subjects Came Up For Consideration.

Washington, Feb. 2.—At the cabinet meeting Secretary Hay spoke at some length upon the situation in China. It developed that the plenipotentiaries of the powers are not making as rapid progress toward a settlement as was supposed, and that many disturbing questions have arisen in consequence. Whether our forces in China should be increased and the question of whether it would be necessary to make arrangements for more permanent quarters for those who are now there, were among the questions touched upon.

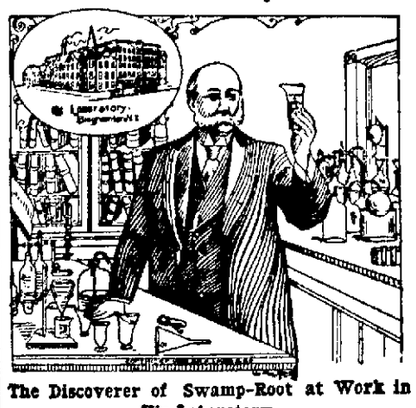
The Cuban constitution was also a subject of discussion. Much regret was expressed at the seeming deadlock in the constitutional convention by which the adoption of a constitution may be long delayed. The administration is greatly interested in the outcome of the convention, as to whether this country will be recognized as having rights in certain directions paramount to those of any other nation. The officials are not willing to discuss the question as to what would be satisfactory in that regard, but there is no doubt that this government expects some recognition of the right of the United States, at least to supervise or in a measure direct its foreign policy until such time as the new government is prepared to take its place among the responsible nations of the world.

Faithful Shepherd Dogs.

A cold spell in Montana killed a sheep herder in the Great Falls district. Two feet of snow covered the range in places, and the thermometer indicated 40 degrees below zero.

The herder was frozen to death on the prairies while caring for the sheep, and it was three days before his fate was known to his employers. Two shepherd dogs were with him when he died, and one of these staid with his body while the other attended to the sheep, just as though the herder had been with him. The dog drove them out on the range in the morning and back again at night, guarding them from wolves and preventing them from straying off. Neither dog had anything to eat during the three days' vigil, so far as could be ascertained, but the 2,500 sheep thrived as well apparently as though directed by human agency. The singular fact about the matter is that these faithful creatures would have starved to death rather than harm one of the sheep left in their charge.—Portland Oregonian.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.



The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's **Swamp-Root** the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. and mention this paper.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF OHIO, STARK COUNTY, ss

The Peoples Building and Loan Co. vs Levi P. Steely et al. } ORDER OF SALE

By virtue of an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Stark County, Ohio, and to me directed I will offer for sale at public auction at the door of the court house, in the city of Canton, on

Saturday, March 2, 1901,

the following described real estate, to wit: Situated in the City of Massillon, County of Stark and State of Ohio, and known as and being parts of lots No. 36 and 41 of the amicable partition of lands made by Westmore, Fay and Rainey in 1848, bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the west line of Waechter street four hundred (400) feet south from the point of intersection of said west line of Waechter street with the south line of Wooster street, said place of beginning being also the southeast corner of a lot bought by one Walls by deed dated September 24th, 1890, and running thence southerly from said corner along the west line of Waechter street fifty (50) feet to the northeast corner of a lot conveyed to one Friedinger by deed dated August 9th, 1898; thence westerly along said Friedinger's north line one hundred and fifty (150) feet to an alley; thence northerly along said alley fifty (50) feet to said Walls lot and thence easterly along said Walls's south line one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the place of beginning, and being and intended to be the same premises conveyed by Kent Jarvis's administrator to said Levi P. Steely by deed dated July 14, 1898, recorded in Vol. 305, page 246, of the Stark County deed records.

Since the execution of said mortgage the lots of the City of Massillon have been renumbered, and said tract of land is now known as lot number 2752 of the City of Massillon, and the street number is 33 North Waechter street.

Appraised at eight hundred dollars ($800.00).

Terms cash.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN J ZAISER, Sheriff.

R. W. McCaughey, Attorney.

Road Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the commissioners of Stark county, at their next session, March A. D. 1901, praying for the establishing of a county road on the following line, to-wit: Beginning at a point where the north Canton and Massillon road crosses the section line between Sec. 9 and 10 in Perry township, Stark county, Ohio, and running thence south on the section line to a point where Sec. 9 and 10, 15 and 16 corners in said Perry township, and thence continued south across the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad on the section between sections 15 and 16 in said Perry township to a point where said section line strikes the center of the south Canton and Massillon road.

ANTHONY CLEMENTZ,
WM. H. ALLEN,
Principal Petitioners.

January 3rd, A. D. 1901.

Fatal delays are caused by experimenting with cough and cold cures. Foley's Honey and Tar will prevent a cold from resulting in pneumonia. Rider & Snyder.

American Zinc For Europe.

Plans have been consummated by the Missouri and Kansas Zinc Miners' association for the exportation of 50,000 tons of zinc ore to Europe during this year in shipments of from 4,000 to 5,000 tons a month. Contracts are now being closed by the association with all the zinc mine owners of the district for one-fourth of their output for the rest of the year, the supposition being that expertation of a fourth of the output will prevent the accumulation of a surplus and therefore deprive the American smelter combine of an excuse for beating down the prices of ore on the ground of overproduction. The exportation of one fourth of the output of this district will leave barely enough zinc ore to keep the American smelters going.

GOSHEN, Ill.

Genessee Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y.:

Dear Sirs:—Some days since a package of your GRAIN-O preparation was left at my office. I took it home and gave it a trial, and I have to say I was very much pleased with it, as a substitute for coffee. We have always used the best Java and Mocha in our family, but I am free to say I like the GRAIN O as well as the best coffee I ever drank.

Respectfully yours,
A. C. JACKSON, M. D.

To Stop a Cold.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time. Take nothing else. Rider & Snyder.

Western Rates Reduced.

Greatly reduced one-way rates will be in effect from Chicago via the Wisconsin Central Railway to points in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia each Tuesday, commencing February 12th and continuing until April 30th.

For detailed information inquire of nearest ticket agent, or address

T. D. Campbell, D. P. A., 42 Carew Building, Cincinnati, O.; C. E. Johnson, D. P. A., 621 Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa., or Jas. C. Pond, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

DAVID CITY, Neb., April 1, 1900.

Genessee Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y.:

Gentlemen:—I must say in regard to GRAIN-O that there is nothing better or healthier. We have used it for years. My brother was a great coffee drinker. He was taken sick and the doctor said coffee was the cause of it, and told us to use GRAIN-O. We got a package but did not like it at first, but now would not be without it. My brother has been well ever since we started to use it.

Yours truly, LILLIE SOCHOR.

Frost Bites and Chilblains

Quickly cured by Banner Salve, the most healing remedy in the world. Rider & Snyder.

Reports show a greatly increased death rate from throat and lung troubles, due to the prevalence of croup, pneumonia and grip. We advise the use of One Minute Cough Cure in all of these difficulties. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Children like it. Chas. W. Cupples, 139 W. Tremont street; Rider & Snyder, 12 E. Main street.

Every family should have its household medicine chest, and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

BUCHANAN, Mich., May 22.

Genessee Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

GENTLEMEN—My mamma has been a great coffee drinker and has found it very injurious. Having used several packages of your Grain-O, the drink that takes the place of coffee, she finds it much better for herself and for we children to drink. She has given up coffee drinking entirely. We use a package every week. I am ten years old.

Yours respectfully,
FANNIE WILLIAMS.

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Heals cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Monarch over pain.

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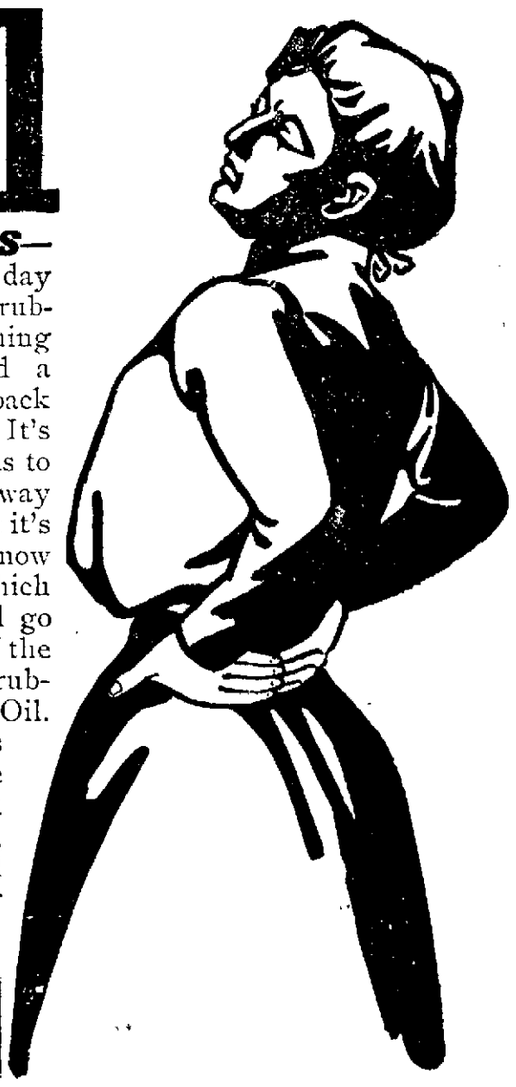

TIRED BACKS—

After working all day—sewing, baking, scrubbing, sweeping, washing or standing behind a counter—a woman's back is sure to be tired. It's too bad a woman has to work, but that's the way the world goes. But it's a consolation to know that the pain which comes in the day will go away in the night if the back be thoroughly rubbed with Omega Oil. The less medicines you swallow and the more Omega Oil you rub on the outside, the better off you'll be, and the quicker you'll be cured.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Born to Mr and Mrs. Jerome F. Shepley, twins, both girls.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Koch, of Washington avenue, a daughter.

Superintendent Booth, of the Loudonville public schools, charged with unbecoming conduct, has handed in his resignation.

Price Edward Keller and Miss Lizzie LeClair were married Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, the Rev. F. H. Simpson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. G L. Albrecht have gone to Mexico where they will spend the next two months, making their headquarters at Guadaljura.

Mrs. Samuel Plumer who recently died at Orrville, bequeathed her residence valued at $2,000 to the Presbyterian congregation to be used as a parsonage.

Jacob Long, an old soldier of Wooster, is in receipt of a check from the government for $3.99, money found to be due him from the time he was discharged from service in 1864.

Definite announcement has been made by the Northern Ohio Traction Company that it will build a road from Akron to Long and Turkeytoot lakes this summer, and thence to Canton during the year.

Company D, Eighth O. N. G., of Wooster, was awarded a cash prize of $400 in the competitive drill at St. Louis last fall, but the money has never been paid. Steps are now being taken to collect it by law.

An iron bridge is being constructed across South Erie street between two of Russell & Company's buildings. It is suspended just above the present bridge, and will connect the third stories of the buildings.

Gottlieb Ortwein and Mrs. Amelia Schureimer were married on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at St. John's parsonage. The Rev. J. E. Digel performed the ceremony. The newly married qair will reside in the fourth ward.

The Ohio steel plant of the National Steel Company at Youngstown, on Sunday will begin a run on 130,000 tons of steel rails, which will keep the plant running for the next three months. The plant has a capacity of 1,700 tons per day.

Jacob Boss, aged 88, living near Maysville, lost his life trying to save valuables from the fire which destroyed his house Tuesday. The old man was so terribly burned that he died in a few hours. All of his household effects were consumed.

Charles H. Layton, assistant cashier of the Upper Sandusky Commercial National bank, committed suicide Friday morning, by shooting himself in the head. He left letters, giving ill health and business reverses as the causes for his action.

Cyrus P. Harmon and Lewis Harmon, father and son, were sentenced to the penitentiary in common pleas court at Akron on Friday for the same crime, that of grand larceny. They were convicted of breaking into railroad cars and taking goods found therein.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gribble entertained the members of the Massillon-Canton Euchre Club at their East Main street residence Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Pauline Schimke received the first prize, and the second was won by Mrs. Sage, of Canton. Lunch was served after the euchre contest, and games and other amusements followed.

Reuben J. Krisher and Miss Pauline A. Breckel were married on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the parsonage of St. John's church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Digel. Mr Krisher is employed in the office of the Republic Iron and Steel Company The bride is a daughter of Julius Breckel. The newly married couple will take up their residence at 24 South Waechter street.

The Pennsylvania company is preparing to try for the interurban business that the numerous electric lines in the country are taking from the steam roads. To this end they are having a motor car built in their shops at Vincennes, Ind. It will be completed in a short time and will be given a trial. It it proves successful it is said that they will build 1,000 of the cars and put them on short runs where the business has been cut into by the electric lines.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Caroline Yager took place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First M. E. church. The Rev. J. I. Wilson conducted the services. The funeral was a large one. The Massillon branch of the Amalgamated Association attended in a body. Among the floral tributes were a pillow, the "gates ajar," and a large harp, the last sent by the members of the Amalgamated Association, of which Mr. Yager is a member. The pall bearers were Edward Jones, Edward Birt, F. Killoway, George Limbach, J. Shoemer and E. Laughlin

The Columbus correspondent of the Canton News-Democrat says: "William Morgan, of the Massillon district, who was a candidate for member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers, at the Indianapolis convention which adjourned this week, was defeated for the place by Fred Dilcher, of Nelsonville, who has been Ohio's representative on the board since 1896. The selection is made by popular vote, and while Morgan had nearly the solid support of his state he was unable to win on account of the strength of his opponent in other states."

An inquest was held upon Mrs. Barbara Kinsey, widow of the late Jacob Kinsey, of Port Washington, by Probate Judge McGreegor, Monday morning, and she was sent to the state hospital at Massillon, Tuesday morning. The delusion that Mrs. Kinsey labored under was that somebody was trying to poison her and was trying to shoot the poison into her through the roof and the ceiling, and she would frequently sit up all night holding an umbrella over herself as a protection from the poison shooters. At one time she wanted to get upon the roof and pour coal oil upon it and said she intended to burn her imagined enemies out. She appears to be fairly rational on all other subjects.—New Philadelphia Advocate.

NOT HEARD OF HERE

Coal Operators Know Nothing of Morris's Plans.

WON'T INFLUENCE TRADE.

President Howells, of the Operators' Association, Says the New Railway Might as Well Run to the Moon—So Far as He Knows, No District Coal Monopoly is Being Projected.

The Hon. Anthony Howells, president of the Massillon District Coal Operators' Association, says that, in his opinion, the incorporation of the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling railway and coal companies, each with a capital stock of $2,000,000, will have no influence whatever on the Massillon district, despite the general impression that it will. "In the first place," remarked Mr. Howells, "the Morris-Guild Company, whose members, according to these reports, are the chief incorporators and capitalists, have no Mas illon district interests. Mr. Morris has extensive interests in the vicinity of Cambridge and Bellaire, but I do not know of any territory nearer the Massillon district controlled by him."

The question of combining the coal interests of the Massillon district came up years ago, when trusts first became the order of the day. J. J. Phillips and associates, of Cleveland, were obliged to abandon a project of this kind after devoting to it months of work. The figures each mine owner placed on his property, in his opinion, were such as to render impossible a combination for this district. Mr. Howells does not incline to the belief that the organization of a trust would be more possible now than before. He does not credit the story that Mr. Morris is about to attempt to gain control of the Massillon district.

"And as for the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling railway," said Mr. Howells. "with Alliance as the nearest point to this city, so far as having any influence on the Massillon district is concerned, it might as well run to the moon."

LAND AT $95 AN ACRE.

Hassler Farm Brings an Unusual Price at Auction.

The Hassler farm, ninety-two acres in extent, southwest of the city, was sold at public auction this week to Harry Hullinger, whose bid was $95 an acre. The house and barn are included. The Hasslers reserve the coal and mining rights. The Hassler land is famed for its fertility. It is thought to be completely underlaid with coal. The price paid is considered unusual by farmers of the vicinity. "It means," said one yesterday, "that at last we're getting to the point where we ought to be. Land ought to bring a good price. This selling for $95 means that the next man selling will want about that price, and after a while we will really get what our land is worth."

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. MARY E. KING.

Charles G. King today received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. King, at the home of her son, William King, in Chicago. Mrs. King, whose maiden name was Mary Swihart, was married to the late Valentine R. King in November, 1865. Three children survive her: Charles G. King, of this city; William King, of Chicago, and Mrs. Nellie Aimer, of Peoria, Ill. The body will be brought to Massillon for burial, the funeral taking place on Sunday.

KALESTI SANDERS.

Kalesti, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, of East Greenville, died at the home of her parents on Thursday afternoon, after a nine days' illness with lung fever. The funeral took place from St. Barbara's church, West Brookfield, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at St. Barbara's cemetery.

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Cure Impotency, Night Emissions, Loss of Memory, all wasting diseases, all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. A nerve tonic and blood builder. Brings the pink glow to pale cheeks and restores the fire of youth. By mail 50c per box, 6 boxes for $2.50, with our bankable gaurantee to cure or refund the money paid. Send for circular and copy of our bankable guarantee bond.

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Clinton & Jackson Sts., CHICAGO, ILL.

Sold by Z. T. Baltzly, druggist, Massillon, Ohio.

NEW RURAL ROUTES

Two More Mail Carriers to be Engaged.

THE AGENT SO DECIDES.

Residents of Southeastern and Eastern Perry Township and of Southern Jackson Township to Soon Enjoy the Advantages of Free Mail Delivery—Also a Route to the Southwest.

I. G. Blackman, special agent for the postal department, who has been in the city for some time past in consultation with Postmaster Koons, has found that the inauguration of two additional systems of rural free mail delivery is warranted, and he will make the necessary recommendations to the authorities, which means that in the near future the necessary appropriations for the purpose will be forthcoming.

Some changes will be made in the route which is now covered out of Massillon. The carrier will go direct from Massillon to West Brookfield and thence to Beech Grove. From the latter point he will proceed over the North Wooster and the Bowman roads to Forty Corners, there taking the back road to the intersection of the North Lawrence and Newman highways, and will return to Massillon through Newman, delivering mail to all residents of that village and to persons living on the main road.

In the delivery of the southwest route the carrier will leave Massillon on the Millersburg road, passing around Pigeon Run and returning through the "Patch."

The other new route will extend nearly to Richville, thence north to Jackson township, returning to Massillon over the road passing the Charity Rotch school. That part of the route lying in Jackson township will consist of about 3¼ miles.

The appointment of carriers for the new routes will be made in a few days. There are many applicants.

"DISGRACE THE STATE"

Superintendent Hiltabidle's Opinion of the Ohio Canal.

In a recent issue of the Akron Beacon Journal W. M. Hiltabidle, superintendent of the northern division of the Ohio canal, said: "The present condition of the canal is a disgrace to the state. With the proper expenditure of a reasonable amount of money, the canal could be put on a paying basis, but I question whether it will ever be done. When I came here ten years ago there were 75 boats on the canal, everyone busy everyday. Now there are 45, two-thirds of which are rotten and no good. There has not been a new boat built since I came here, except the state boat, for the simple reason that no one wants to risk putting several hundred dollars in a boat when it is a question whether the old ditch will be abandoned or not. I don't believe that 20 boats have ever been docked even, in the ten years I have been here, as the boatmen are afraid to spend the money. For years the old boats have been dragging over the bottom of the canal and it does not pay any ways near expenses. The appropriations by the state are only about enough to pay salaries and very little goes to the repair of the canal.

"The lock walls are all rotten, and I am prepared to hear every day that the aqueducts will give way, and the whole thing is in such a shape that it is a disgrace to the state. The legislature should either appropriate enough money to repair it or it should be abandoned. For the first time in ten years Summit level is empty. It is impossible to haul anything over the canal by reason of this unless the load is so light that it doesn't pay to carry it. I don't know what the future of the Ohio canal will be. I can only hope that some legislature will be eventually found with back bone enough to either repair or abandon the canal. In its present condition it is an eyesore to everyone connected with it. It is not over four feet in depth any place and is too narrow. Canals pay in other states, and this one could be made to pay if the proper steps were taken."

A LITTLE DOUBTFUL.

Electric Line From New Philadelphia to Newcomerstown.

A New Philadelphia dispatch to the Uhrichsville Chronicle, says: "If there is any truth in the talk your correspondent heard the other day, Tuscarawas county will soon have another electric railroad of some importance. It is said the line will be built from this city to Newcomerstown by way of the canal bank. The distance is about twenty-two miles. The capitalists behind the movement are Wheeling and New York men. The franchise is being looked after now. It is said to be only part of a general scheme to connect Cleveland and Cincinnati.

EXCELLENT APPARATUS.

City Officials Speak Well of the New Chemical Engine.

City officials who have inspected the new combination chemical engine and hose wagon, which recently arrived from the Holloway works, at Baltimore, Md., say that it is an excellent apparatus. The material seems of the best, and the workmanship is good. The apparatus was driven through the streets this morning, and was an object of interest everywhere. It cost $1,800.

Read the "want" columns daily

The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL.	
Wheat (old)	75
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 13 00
Straw, per ton	8 00 10 00
Corn	35–40
Oats	25
Clover Seed	6 00–6 50
Timothy Seed	2 00
Rye, per bu	50
Barley	48
Flax seed	1 50
Wool (unwashed,)	18–18
Wool (washed)	25
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes, per bushel new	35
Beets, per bushel	40
Apples	60–75
Cabbage, per dozen	40–50
Evaporated apples	08 to 10
White beans	2 00
Onions	70
BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY	
Butter	16–20
Eggs (fresh)	18
Chickens, per lb	9 0
Turkeys, live	08½
Turkeys, dressed	11
MEATS AND CHEESE.	
Ham	12½
Shoulder	09
Lard	08
Sides	06 to 07
Cheese	12
The following are retail prices:	
Bran, per 100 lbs	90
Middlings per 100 lbs	90

Persons who can not take ordinary pills find it a pleasure to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are the best little pills ever made. Chas. W. Cupples, 139 W. Tremont St., Rider & Snyder, 12 E. Main St.

Piles of People

Testify to the merit of Banner Salve in curing piles. It is guaranteed. Rider & Snyder.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. Chas. W. Cupples, 139 W. Tremont St., Rider & Snyder, 12 E. Main St.

A Misunderstanding.

Misunderstood symptoms of disease lead doctors to treat something else when the kidneys are out of order Foley's Kidney Cure will bring you health when other medicines have failed. Take no substitute. Rider & Snyder.

For the weakness and prostration following grippe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly. Chas. W. Cupples, 139 West Tremont St., Rider & Snyder, 12 East Main St.

VARICOCELE

No matter how serious your case may be or how long you may have had it, our NEW METHOD TREATMENT will cure it. The "wormy veins" return to their normal condition and hence the sexual organs receive proper nourishment. The organs become vitalized and manly powers return. No temporary benefit, but a permanent cure assured. NO CURE, NO PAY. NO OPERATION NECESSARY. NO DETENTION FROM BUSINESS.

STRICTURE

Thousands of young and middle-aged men are troubled with this disease—many unconsciously. They may have a smarting sensation, sharp, cutting pains at times, weak organs, and all the symptoms of nervous debility—they have STRICTURE. Don't let doctors experiment on you by cutting, stretching or tearing you. This will not cure you, as it will return. Our NEW METHOD TREATMENT absorbs the stricture tissue, hence removes the stricture permanently. It can never return. No pain, no suffering, no detention from business by our method. The sexual organs are strengthened, the nerves are invigorated, and the bliss of manhood returns.

Cures Guaranteed

We treat and cure BLOOD POISON, NERVOUS DEBILITY, IMPOTENCY, STRICTURE, VARICOCELE, SEMINAL LOSSES, BLADDER and KIDNEY DISEASES. CONSULTATION FREE. BOOKS FREE. CHARGES MODERATE. If unable to call, write for a QUESTION BLANK for HOME Treatment.

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KENNEDY & KERGAN
247 Superior St. Cleveland, O.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

It artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion.

Price 50c. and $1. Large size contains 2½ times small size. Book all about dyspepsia mailed free

Prepared by E. C. DeWITT & CO., Chicago.

Chas. W. Cupples, 139 W. Tremont St.
Rider & Snyder, 12 East Main Street.

It is easy to make mistakes in the treatment of croup, and mistakes mean the sacrifice of little lives.

Foley's Honey and Tar is unconditionally guaranteed by every druggist to cure croup, colds or whooping cough, and to prevent pneumonia, which so often follows diseases of little folks. Do not accept a substitute. It may cost a life. Foley's Honey and Tar is guaranteed.

MISS MAMIE SMITH, Middlesboro, Kentucky, writes: "My little sister had the croup very bad. I gave her several doses of Foley's Honey and Tar and she was instantly relieved. It saved her life."

For cuts, bruises or sores BANNER SALVE is best.

Rider & Snyder, Druggists.

INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMNS

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired, help wanted, situations wanted, real estate bulletins and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m. to insure insertion the same day. Six publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents

WANTED.

BOY to deliver papers. Must be over 15 years old. Bahney's book store, 20 East Main street.

EYES—Bad eyes with defective sight, weak or painful, causing headache or nervous disorders. Anyone having such, if they will state case by mail to Geo. F. Johnson, optician, Canton, Ohio, will receive information of interest and importance.

GIRL at the Tracy House. Inquire at Columbian Heights, Tracy House.

GIRLS—Apprentice girls to learn dressmaking. Inquire at Mrs. J. J. Bast, Warwick block.

MAN to do work at greenhouse and at house. Inquire Mrs. J. H. McLain.

ROOMERS or boarders. Three good sized furnished rooms on second floor in a residence centrally located. Apply at this office.

TO EXCHANGE city property and cash for farm Address J. Independent office.

FOR RENT.

HALLS—Two halls suitable for lodges, 2d and third floors in the new Keister building. See S. Burd.

STOREROOM and building now occupied as a clothing house by C. M. Whitman, No. 18 South Erie street, will be for rent on April 1, 1901. P. H. Young.

STORE ROOM—The store room occupied by Wade Bros. meat market will be for rent on April 1, 1901. Inquire of J R. Dangler.

TEN roomed house, 82 Third street. Electric light, bath room, hot and cold water, furnace and grate. Possession at once. Inquire at 234 East Main St. Wm. Wagner.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DRESSES, ladies' tailor made suits, jackets remodeled, genuine French accordeon plaiting also baby accordeon plaits for light goods such as silks, mousseline de soie, etc. 126 E. Tremont street, two doors from East street.

I AM NOW PREPARED to clean carpets of all kinds. Inquire of John Heisler, Bell telephone, No. 124.

LADIES! I make big wages at home, and want all to have the same opportunity. The work is very pleasant and will easily pay $18 weekly. This is no deception. I want no money and will gladly send full particulars to all sending stamp Mrs. H. A. Wiggine, Benton Harbor, Mich.

FOUND.

KEY—Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement.

Come to THE INDEPENDENT office for your job printing

FOR RALF

BRICK HOUSE six rooms and hall, bath room, hot and cold water, furnace, gas, sewer, all city improvements. Inquire at premises, corner East and Chestnut streets.

CLOTHING—Second-hand clothing, will fit man weighing about 185 pounds; includes four business suits, a rain coat, two overcoats, several pairs of trousers; all in good condition. Inquire at No. 6 Akron St

FOR SALE:—For cost of structure and price of lot, the best built and most complete residence ever planned and erected in Massillon strictly to sell. Eight rooms, also laundry, bath, pantry and vestibuled hall; wired for electricity and piped for gas; city and filtered cistern water; sewer connection; all plumbing back vented. Inspection by prospective buyers and the curious cordially invited. Warren E. Russell, No. 95 Prospect St.

GOOD SIX ROOMED HOUSE on West Tremont street, No. 294 for sale. The undersigned, as executor of John McIntosh, late of Perry township, Stark county, Ohio, deceased, offers at private sale, the house and lot of said deceased on West Tremont street, lot No. 1,643, of Massillon, O., possession given at once. For price and terms, call on or phone the undersigned at Massillon. John J. Wefler, Executor of John McIntosh, deceased.

HARD COAL BURNER—In good condition. Inquire at this office.

HOUSE—A five-roomed house on Wellman street. Inquire at 291 Wellman St.

HOUSE—An eight-roomed house with bath room, furnace, mantles; corner lot 52x180 feet, situated corner North and Front streets. For particulars and terms call on Joseph E. Schrader, 41 N. Erie street.

HOUSE—A desirable home, conveniently located, gas city and cistern water. For particulars inquire at premises, 117 North East street or at Smith's granite works, 387 South Erie street.

HOUSES—One five-roomed house on W. Main street, close to C., L. & W depot price $1,800, easy payments; four-roomed house on Warwick street, price $650, easy payments; lot on Wood street, price $175. S. Burd.

LOT—A desirable building lot on Plum St between East and Hill streets. Inquire at this office.

LOST

GLASSES—Will the person who found the gold plain glasses on a chair in the Sunday school room in the First M. E. church, Jan 18, kindly return them to W. Graham's store, 57 South Erie street.

KEYS—A bunch of keys and a rosary. Please leave at The Independent office and receive a reward.

WATCH Open-face silver watch between Massillon and Heck's bridge on towpath along canal. Finder please return to Frank Schuster, 26 Exchange street and receive reward.

HUMBERGER'S

The BIG CLEARANCE SALE is in Full Progress all Over the Store.

The stocks in all departments are priced so low that quick sales follow. This sale will continue for 20 days longer.

In connection with this general low price sale, we will, on Saturday morning offer one of the greatest bargains ever shown in this city.

5,000 yards of new white goods at about 50 per cent. less than regular prices.

Fine Opportunity to Supply Future Needs.

LOT 1. India Linon, Curtain Swiss, Dotted Swiss, Mercerized Satin Stripes and Checks at 10c yd.

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